

Hunter, George Grenville
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Respectfully referred to the American
Numismatic Society by the

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SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

May 11, 1920.

Curator,
Museum of Natural History,
New York, U. S.

Dear Sir :-

Recently, while digging among
some Indian graves near here,
I found among other things
an old coin. I have been
unable to find any collector
who can place a value
upon it as they do not
seem to know the coin.
Perhaps you will be good
enough to advise me
who can give me the
(over)

information I seek?
The coin is apparently
on the face is a
copper. King George and over
head of "George II Rex"
it the legend is a harp
on the reverse is a crown
and over it a
with the word "Hibernia" and
under the harp the date 1737.



I shall indeed appreciate
any advice you can give me
on this matter as I believe
the coin may be a rare
one.

Thanking you, I am Sir,
Yours truly,
Es. Sewall Hunter.

May 14th, 1920

Mr. G. Grenville Hunter
707 Union Street
Schenectady, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 11th addressed to the American Museum of Natural History has been referred to me for reply.

The coin which you describe is evidently an English penny or farthing of George II (the coin for Ireland), issued during the early part of the reign of George II. As they seem to have circulated in considerable quantities in this country, the coin is not rare or valuable intrinsically. If, however, it occurred in connection with a burial as part thereof, it furnishes very definite historical evidence as the burial must have taken place after 1737. From your note, however, I should judge that it is not to be connected with a burial and its presence may be the result of a dozen and one reasons, all of equal probability.

Very respectfully,

Secretary

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